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Dear Sir:

<u>Amendment</u>

In response to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2003 in the above described case, Applicant hereby submits the following amendment and remarks:

- 1. Page 2 of this document contains a specification amendment.
- 2. Pages 3-5 of this document contain the claims as amended hereby.
- 3. Pages 6-14 contain remarks describing the nature of the amendment and why Applicant believes that the amendment overcomes the pending rejections.